Terrorist Training Camps in Pakistan

†120. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that training to terrorists is being provided openly in Pakistan;

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government at political level to stop the same; and

(c) the outcomes thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to c) Government have consistently asked Pakistan to put an end to cross border infiltration and dismantle the infrastructure of support to terrorism on a permanent basis.

In the Joint Statement of January 6, 2004 President Musharraf had reassured the then Prime Minister of India that he will not permit any territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner.

Though there has been some decline in the level of cross border infiltration in the recent past, no credible or long term oriented action has been taken by Pakistan against the infrastructure of support to terrorism, including training camps, launching pads, and communication centres.

During the meetings between the leaders of the two countries, including the meeting between Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan singh and President Musharraf in New York on September 24, 2004, and also during the visit of the Prime Minsiter of Pakistan to new Delhi on November 23-24, 2004 in his capacity as the Chairperson of SAARC, India had conveyed unambiguously that the entire dialogue process between the two countries was based on the commitment made by President Musharraf on January 6, 2004, and that a sustained and productive dialogue necessarily required an atmosphere free from terrorism and violence.

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